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1. NON-CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES ACCUMULATED BY UNDP --

DURING DISCUSSION OF FINANCIAL MATTERS IN UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL, CONCERN ABOUT UNDP'S ACCUMULATED NON-CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES WAS EXPRESSED IN STRONG TERMS BY WESTERN AND THIRD WORLD DELEGATIONS ALIKE. CANADA WAS PARTICULARLY VOCAL, CALLING FOR A FREEZE ON ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS IN THOSE CURRENCIES, AND BRAZIL AND SIERRA LEONE WERE CRITICAL OF UNDP GIVING PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT TO DONORS OF THOSE CURRENCIES IN AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN MAXIMUM UTILIZATION. THE EMPHASIS PLACED ON THE ISSUE IN US STATEMENTS STIMULATED CONCERN BY OTHERS AND A DESIRE FOR RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM.

LYSOV (SOVIET UNION) TOLD USDEL (NORRIS) HIS BASIC POSITION WAS THAT THE FIRST US PROPOSAL WAS UNACCEPTABLE BECAUSE RUBLES COULD NOT BE BOUGHT, SOLD OR SUBSTITUTED. THE PRESENT RESTRICTIONS ON THE SOVIET CONTRIBUTIONS PERMIT THE USSR TO MAKE CONFIDENTIAL

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INPUTS INTO A PROGRAM WHICH IS GEARED TO THE CAPITALIST, MARKET-ORIENTED FINANCIAL SYSTEM. HE STRESSED THAT UNDP IS A VOLUNTARY PROGRAM AND THE USSR IS OPERATING ENTIRELY WITHIN CURRENT UNDP FINANCIAL REGULATIONS IN CONTRIBUTING RUBLES, SINCE THEY ARE "READILY USABLE." DESPITE NEGATIVE REMARKS, LYSOV SAID THE LATEST US PROPOSAL WAS "NOT EXCLUDED" AND HE WAS READY TO GO TO HIGHER AUTHORITY FOR A RULING. HOWEVER, HE STRESSED THE OPINION THAT IT IS AGAINST THE PRINCIPLES OF A SOCIALIST STATE. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 173, 174)

2. HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE --

UKUN OFFICER BROAD PREPARED, IN HIS PERSONAL CAPACITY, A DRAFT RESOLUTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE WHICH HE SUGGESTED MIGHT BE THE BASIS FOR A WEO DRAFT ON THE SUBJECT. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 171)

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3. BELGIAN PROPOSAL ON HUMAN RIGHTS --

THE MISSION RECEIVED AN AIDE MEMOIRE CONCERNING "A SUGGESTION" OF THE BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, THE GIST OF WHICH IS THAT COUNTRIES SHOULD WAIVE VOLUNTARILY THE RIGHT CONFERRED ON THEM BY ART. 6(B) OF RESOLUTION 1503 NOT TO CONSENT TO THE CARRYING OUT OF AN INVESTIGATION CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS. ALTHOUGH THE AIDE MEMOIRE INDICATES BELGIUM IS AIMING TOWARD THE 32ND GA DISCUSSION, THE SUBJECT COULD COME UP AT THE FORTHCOMING SESSION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. (USUN 172)

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4. BREZHNEV DOCTRINE --

IN ELABORATION OF THE STATEMENT THAT IN THE DEBATE AND RESOLUTION ON "IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY" AT THE 31ST GA "THE NONALIGNED OPPOSED THE CONCEPT OF THE BREZHNEV DOCTRINE" (USUN 81 NOTAL), USUN NOTES THAT THE NONALIGNED MADE UP VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE COSPONSORS, AND YUGOSLAVIA, BULGARIA AND ROMANIA IN PARTICULAR MADE POINTS OPPOSING THE BREZHNEV DOCTRINE. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 157)

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THE UN ANNOUNCED THAT AS OF JAN. 24 THE FOLLOWING HAVE SIGNED THE AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING IFAD: CHILE, DENMARK, FRANCE, INDIA, MOROCCO, NORWAY, THE PHILIPPINES, SWEDEN, UK, US AND VENEZUELA.

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5. INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (IFAD) --

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6. SEABED TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE --

REPRESENTATIVES OF US (BENNETT), UK (MURRAY), AND SOVIET UNION (TROYANOVSKY) SENT JOINT INVITATION TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SEABED TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE AND ITS PREPARATORY COMMITTEE. (USUN 156)

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7. MISSIONS TO BOTSWANA, LESOTHO AND SWAZILAND--

THE SECRETARY GENERAL APPOINTED ASSISTANT SYG FARAH TO
HEAD THE MISSIONS TO BOTSWANA, LESOTHO AND SWAZILAND IN
FULFILLMENT OF SC AND GA MANDATES. ALTHOUGH THERE WILL
BE SEPARATE MISSIONS ARISING FROM EACH OF THREE RESOLUTIONS,
THE UN ANNOUNCED THAT FOR REASONS OF EFFECTIVENESS AND
ECONOMY THEY WOULD BE RUN VIRTUALLY AS A COMBINED OPERATION.

FARAH WAS TO LEAVE NEW YORK JAN. 24 AND ARRIVE IN LUSAKA JAN. 26, DEPARTING FOR LESOTHO THE FOLLOWING DAY. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES, UNDP AND UNESCO, AS WELL AS A NUMBER OF SPECIALISTS.

8. COMMITTEE OF 24--

THE COMITE DECIDED JAN. 24 TO TAKE UP QUESTIONS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA AS THE FIRST ITEM IN ITS AGENDA, STARTING IN EARLY FEBRUARY. CHAIRMAN SALIM (TANZANIA) SAID THAT THE SPECIFIC QUESTION TO BE DEALT WITH FIRST WOULD BE INDICATED FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS IN THE WORKING GROUP. THE COMITE ACCEPTED THE APARTHEID COMITE'S INVITATION TO MEET WITH IT JAN. 25 ON THE STRATEGY TO BE ADOPTED FOR CONVENING A SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON SOUTH AFRICA. IT WAS AGREED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES IN RESPONSE TO INVITATIONS FROM THE REVOLUTIONARY UNION OF GUINEAN WOMEN TO ATTEND A SEMINAR IN CONAKRY FEB. 6-9 AND FROM ZAMBIA TO ATTEND THE OAU LIBERATION COMITE SESSION IN LUSAKA JAN. 29-FEB. 5. IT WAS AGREED TO MAINTAIN THE SUBCOMITES ON SMALL TERRITORIES AND ON PETITIONS, INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE. THE COMITE ALSO DECIDED THAT THE MEMBERS OF ITS WORKING GROUP WILL BE THE FIVE COMITE OFFICERS, CHAIRMEN OF THE TWO SUBCOMITES, AND CONGO, CUBA, IRAN AND TUNISIA.

CHAIRMAN SALIM POINTED OUT THAT VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$246,500 WILL BE NEEDED FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONFIDENTIAL

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CONFERENCE IN SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLES OF ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA TO BE HELD IN MAPUTO. HE NOTED THAT PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS INDICATED THE MOST OPPORTUNE TIME FOR HOLDING THE CONFERENCE WOULD BE THE END OF APRIL OR SOMETIME IN MAY 1977, AND THAT ACTUAL CONTRIBUTIONS OR FIRM PLEDGES WERE REQUIRED PROMPTLY SO THAT PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE COULD PROCEED WITHOUT DELAY. DUBEY (INDIA) ANNOUNCED GOI PLEDGE OF \$10,000, AND SALIM TRUSTED INDIA'S "FINE EXAMPLE" WOULD BE FOLLOWED PROMPTLY BY OTHERS.

9. COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA

THE COUNCIL JAN. 21 RE-ELECTED KAMANA (ZAMBIA) AS ITS PRESIDENT, AND ELECTED RAHAL (ALGERIA), JAIPAL (INDIA) AND ROSENZWEIG-DIAZ (MEXICO) AS VICE PRESIDENTS. CHAIRMEN OF THE THREE STANDING COMITES WILL BE: DJIGO (SENEGAL), STANDING COMITE I; ROBINSON (GUYANA), II, AND PAVICEVIC (YUGOSLAVIA), III. VLASCEANU (ROMANIA) WAS ELECTED RAPPORTEUR OF THE COUNCIL'S COMITE ON THE UN FUND FOR NAMIBIA. PRESIDENT KAMANA REVIEWED THE COUNCIL'S ACTIVITIES

DURING THE PAST YEAR AND EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE LAST GA "OPENED NEW POSSIBILITIES FOR ACTION". THE MEETING HAD BEEN OPENED BY SYG WELDHEIM, WHO ANNOUNCED THAT AHTISAARI (FINLAND), NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA, WILL ASSUME HIS RESPONSIBILITIES AT THE BEGINNING OF FEBRUARY. THE SYG, KAMANA, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF INDIA AND SENEGAL PAID TRIBUTE TO FORMER COMMISSIONER MACBRIDE.

10. UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL--

UNDP ADMINISTRATOR MORSE MADE A MAJOR STATEMENT AS UNDP FORMALLY OPENED ITS SESSION JAN. 18, IN WHICH HE REVIEWED THE STATUS OF THE PROGRAM AND ASKED: "SHOULD UNDP BE RESTORED AS THE PRIME CHANNEL OF DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE?" HE RECOMMENDED THE INITIATION OF A DIALOGUE LEADING TO CONFIDENTIAL

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CLEAR DIRECTIVES FROM THE COUNCIL ON THE BASIS OF WHICH UNDP WOULD DRAFT AN IN-DEPTH DOCUMENT TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT SESSION OF THE COUNCIL. UK MINISTER FOR OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT JUDD STRONGLY SUPPORTED A CENTRAL COORDINATIVE ROLE FOR UNDP AND URGED GREATER COOPERATION WITH SPECIALIZED AGENCIES IN THIS REGARD. NEW OFFICERS ARE: PRESIDENT, KAUFMANN (NETHERLANDS); VICE PRESIDENTS, MALIK (PAKISTAN), LUZURIAGA (ARGENTINA), AND BONEV (BULGARIA); AND RAPPORTEUR, KUYEMBEH (SIERRA LEONE). (USUN 159)

ANALYSIS OF THE RAISON D'ETRE AND MODUS OPERANDI OF MULTILATERAL TECHNICAL COOPERATION DOMINATED DISCUSSIONS JAN. 20. DELEGATIONS FROM 23 NATIONS, INCLUDING THE US, ADDRESSED SUCH ISSUES AS: BREAKDOWN IN CENTRAL-FUNDING APPROACH TO THE UN DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM AND THE NEED FOR A MULTI-YEAR BASIS FOR FINANCIAL PLEDGES TO UNDP; LOWERING PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED FINANCING LEVELS AS A RESULT OF SHORTFALLS IN ANTICIPATED CONTRIBUTIONS; LACK OF COHERENCE IN THE UN SYSTEM AND RESULTANT DELAYS IN DELIVERY OF PLANNED RESOURCES FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; IMBALANCE IN PROVISION OF DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES FOR UNDP-ASSISTED WORK FROM ONLY A FEW DONOR COUNTRIES; AND GENERAL PROBLEM OF WORLD-WIDE INFLATION AND OTHER MATTERS IMPINGING ON UNDP'S ABILITY TO ACHIEVE ITS OBJECTIVES IN POOR COUNTRIES.

US (MYERSON), IN EXPRESSING DISMAY THAT UNDP HAD ACCUMULATED A LARGE SUM OF NON-CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES, SAID THE "TOTAL OF \$43 MILLION" WAS ROUGHLY EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT BY WHICH UNDP EXPENDITURES HAD BEEN REDUCED DURING THE PAST YEAR. OTHERS SPECIFICALLY EXPRESSING CONCERN ABOUT THE PROBLEM OF NON-CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES INCLUDED CANADA, AUSTRIA, AUSTRALIA, ITALY, SIERRA LEONE, YUGOSLAVIA.

THE BULGARIAN REPRESENTATIVE SAID THE QUESTION WAS "BEING
CREATED ARTIFICALLY" AND BULGARIA WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT
SUCH CURRENCIES WERE NOT BEING UTILIZED TO PAY A PORTION
OF SALARIES OF EXPERTS FROM THE DONOR COUNTRIES. MALI
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THOUGHT SUCH CURRENCIES SHOULD BE SPENT FOR MATERIALS IN
THE CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES.

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DISCUSSION JAN. 21 INCLUDED SUCH ISSUES AS: NEED FOR NEW APPROACH TO TECHNICAL COOPERATION TO HELP SPEED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER; QUALITY CONTROL; MECHANISM REQUIRED FOR CLOSER POLICY COORDINATION AMONG THE 22 MEMBER UN ORGANIZATIONS PARTICIPATING IN UNDP-FINANCED ACTIVITIES; SHIFT TO AN "OUTPUT ORIENTATION" FROM FORMER EMPHASIS ON "INPUTS"; EMPHASIZING WELFARE PROGRAMS INSTEAD OF PREINVESTMENT; QUESTION OF WHETHER DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES PROMOTE SELF-RELIANCE ON THE PART OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AT THE EXPENSE OF THE MULTILATERAL CHARACTER OF UNDP; RISK OF CREATING A PROGRAM FOR CAPITAL TRANSFERS INSTEAD OF ONE THAT DEVELOPED CAPACITIES FOR SELF-RELIANCE. THE COUNCIL ALSO BEGAN TO EXAMINE REPORTS ON PROGRESS AND PROSPECTS OF LAUNCHING "NEW DIMENSIONS" IN TECHNICAL COOPERATION, INCLUDING AN EXPANDED ROLE FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN EXECUTING UNDP-SUPPORTED PROJECTS.

11. POPULATION COMMISSION--

BEFORE CONCLUDING ITS SESSION LATE JAN. 21, THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDED THAT AN AD HOC GROUP OF EXPERTS, CONSISTING OF NOT MORE THAN SIX PERSONS, BE CONVENED TO MAKE APPROPRIATE PROPOSALS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FIRST REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE WORLD POPULATION PLAN OF ACTION, TO TAKE PLACE IN 1979. THE COMMISSION ALSO APPROVED A DRAFT PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR ITS NEXT SESSION SCHEDULED FOR EARLY 1979, AND ADOPTED ITS REPORT TO ECOSOC. WITHOUT OBJECTION, IT APPROVED A REVISED DRAFT RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A STRENGTHENING OF THE UN WORK PROGRAM IN THE FIELD OF POPULATION, IN PARTICULAR WORK RELATED TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1974 POPULATION PLAN OF ACTION. USDEL (GREEN) SAID THAT AS A COSPONSOR, THE US WANTED TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE IT ATTACHED TO THE REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE PLAN OF ACTION, WHICH WOULD BE THE "MOST SIGNIFICANT TASK" THE POPULATION DIVISION FACED IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS. HE ALSO SAID MORE

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EMPHASIS SHOULD BE LAID ON THE ROLE OF WOMEN, AND HE EMPHASIZED THE NECESSITY TO RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IN CONCLUSION, HE CAUTIONED ABOUT FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RESOLUTION.

JAN 20, THE COMMISSION ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS TWO DRAFT RESOLUTIONS: ONE ON THE NEED TO REFLECT THE IMPORTANCE OF POPULATION POLICIES IN ANY NEW INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, THE OTHER ASKING FOR THE CONTINUATION OF STUDIES ON THE POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORLD-WIDE POPULATION INFORMATION SYSTEM, TO BE KNOWN AS POPINS. USDEL INTRODUCED, BUT LATER WITHDREW (AFTER EXPLANATORY STATEMENT BY UN POPULATION DIVISION DIRECTOR), A DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD HAVE CALLED FOR INFORMATION ON PERSONNEL AND BUDGET REQUIREMENTS IN RELATION TO THE BIENNIAL WORK PROGRAM AND THE MEDIUM-TERM PLAN.

12. CONSUMER PROTECTION--

IN INFORMAL MEETINGS, INTERESTED DELEGATES COORDINATED AN INITIATIVE AT THE ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION OF ECOSOC WHICH RESULTED IN AGREEMENT TO INCLUDE IN ECOSOC'S PROGRAM OF WORK A REQUEST THAT THE SECRETARIAT PRESENT A BRIEF REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE UN SYSTEM ON CONSUMER PROTECTION FOR CONSIDERATION AT ECOSOC'S SUMMER SESSION. PRINCIPAL PRESENTATIONS WERE MADE BY COLOMBIA AND THE US, WITH GOOD SUPPORT FROM MEXICO AND THE NETHERLANDS. (USUN 158)

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